



# OVERVIEW: King County's Seattle Community

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This Overview provides population and housing data for King County's Seattle community. The data have been compiled from existing sources including the 1990 Census, the State's Department of Social and Health Services, the State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and King County's 1999 Annual Growth Report. Much of the data was derived from work done by United Way of King County. The Community Services Division would like to thank them for providing us with this information. The Overview has been prepared as background information for participants in the planning process for two King County plans:

**The Community Services Division (CSD) Strategic Plan 1998-2000** directs CSD to use information on subregional needs and priorities to improve services. The planning process, conducted during these years, will identify needs, priorities and funding strategies in each of seven subregions across King County. This information will be used by the County and other private and public agencies to coordinate services and address emergent issues in 1999 and 2000. These priorities and strategies will be used by King County to implement its "Framework Policies for Human Services" adopted by the Metropolitan King County Council in 1999. The Framework Policies provide a framework for all of the county's human services policies which, prior to this, were contained in various policies and programs related to specific service areas.

The needs, priorities and funding strategies identified during the planning process will also be used to update the **King County Consortium Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan** which will guide the County's allocation of federal funds including Community Development Block Grant funds, HOME Investment Partnerships funds and Emergency Shelter Grant funds between 2000 and 2004.

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## **Goals of the Strategic Plan 1998-2000**

*Goal 1 Improve CSD's partnership with other jurisdictions, other County departments, and other human services funders.*

*Goal 2 Use the four broad issue areas to increase the client/community focus of services:*

- *Increasing Family Stability*
- *Promoting Youth Success*
- *Strengthening Communities*
- *Reducing Community Violence*

*Goal 3 Use information on subregional needs and priorities to improve service responsiveness.*

*Goal 4 Use information about needs and existing service levels to improve the match between service needs and accessibility of services.*

*Goal 5 Improve the participation of communities and customers in the selection of service priorities and in the evaluation of effectiveness.*

*Goal 6 Develop service strategies that increase the ability of communities and individuals to solve problems themselves.*

*Goal 7 Identify interventions which have maximum impact in preventing development and escalation of problems.*

*Goal 8 Improve integration of services for individuals and families with multiple service needs.*

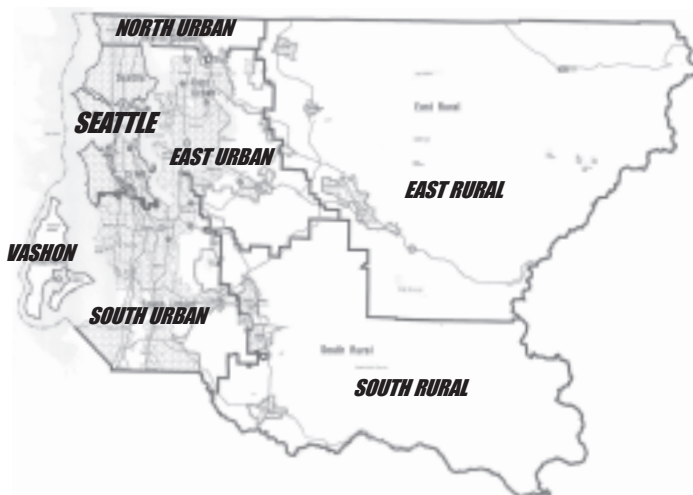
*Goal 9 Make internal changes needed to ensure successful implementation of the Plan.*

The CSD Strategic Plan 1998-2000 was adopted by the King County Council in February, 1997. The plan sets forth nine goals (see page 1) which are being implemented in part through subregional planning. This subregional planning process allows for extensive community input on needs and funding priorities.

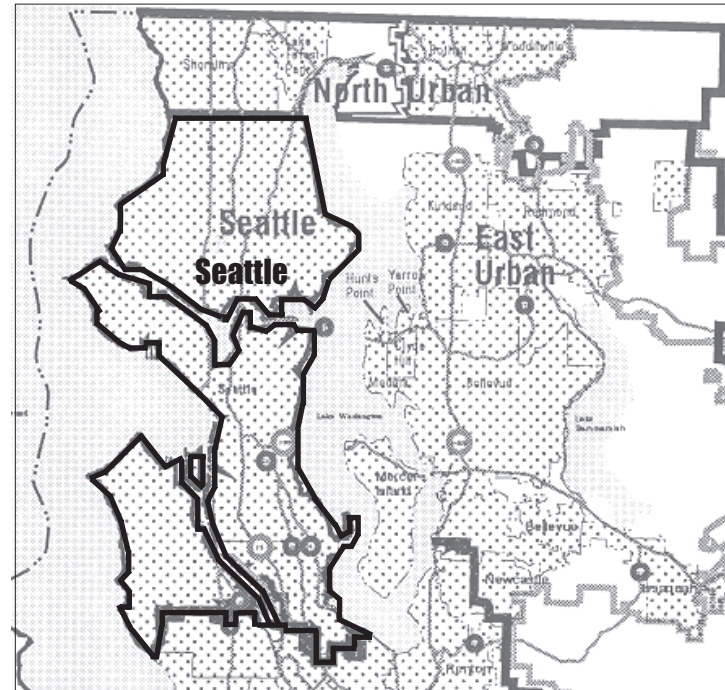
The County has defined the following seven subregions for planning based on school districts:

- ◆ Seattle
- ◆ North Urban
- ◆ East Urban
- ◆ South Urban
- ◆ East Rural
- ◆ South Rural
- ◆ Vashon

**Map of Subregions**



## SEATTLE subregion

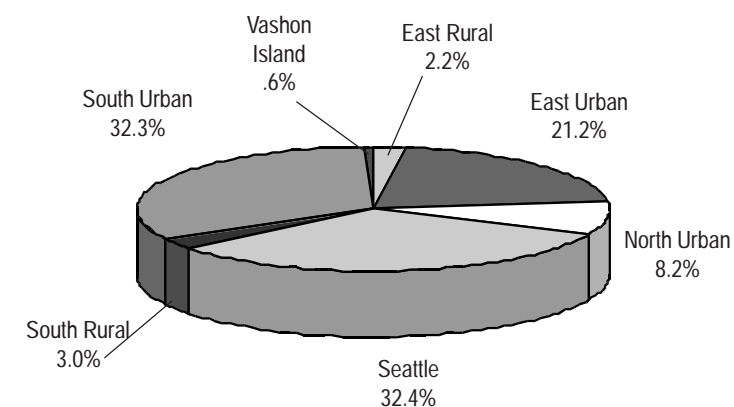


## I. POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

## Total King County Population by Subregion

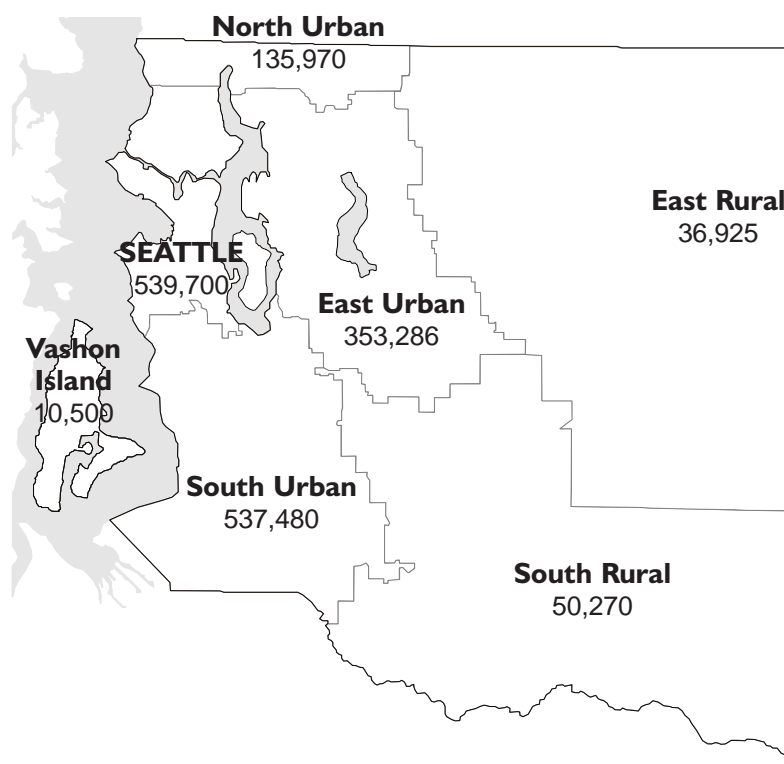
Subregion	East Rural	East Urban	North Urban	Seattle	South Rural	South Urban	Vashon Island	King County Total
<i>Population 1998</i>	36,925	353,286	135,970	539,700	50,270	537,480	10,500	1,664,131
<i>Percentage of King County Total Population</i>	2.2%	21.2%	8.2%	32.4%	3.0%	32.3%	.6%	

## Percentage of King County Total Population



Source: 1998 King County Annual Growth Report

Populations based on estimates of 1998 city populations and 1997 unincorporated area populations



## Income Characteristics

	Seattle Subregion	Total King County
Percentage of families with incomes below 30% of Median 1998*	10.9%	7.5%

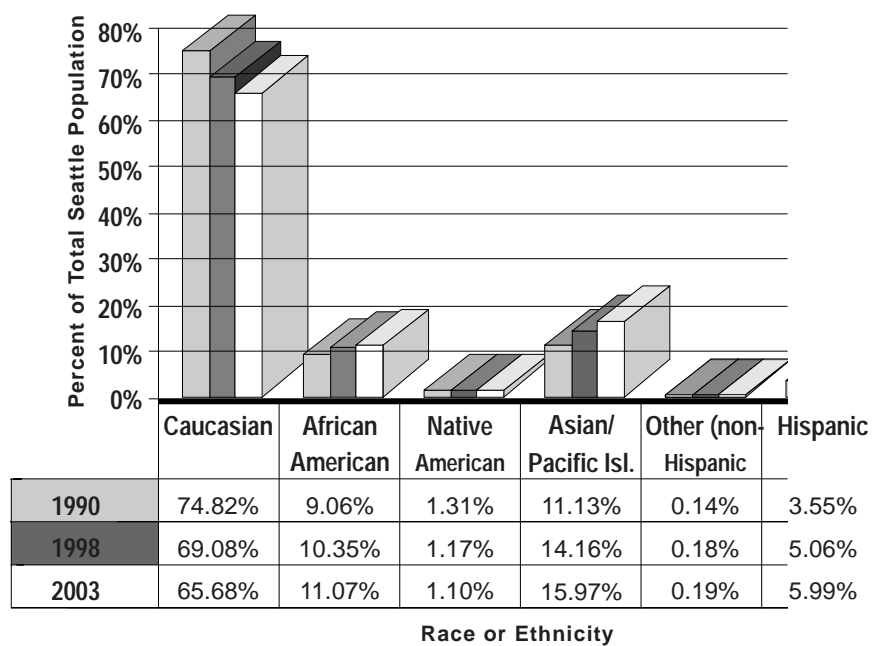
Source: \*Claritas Inc. Trendline Data

## Percentage of Population Over 75

	Seattle Subregion*	Total King County
1990 Population 65 and over	15%	11.1%

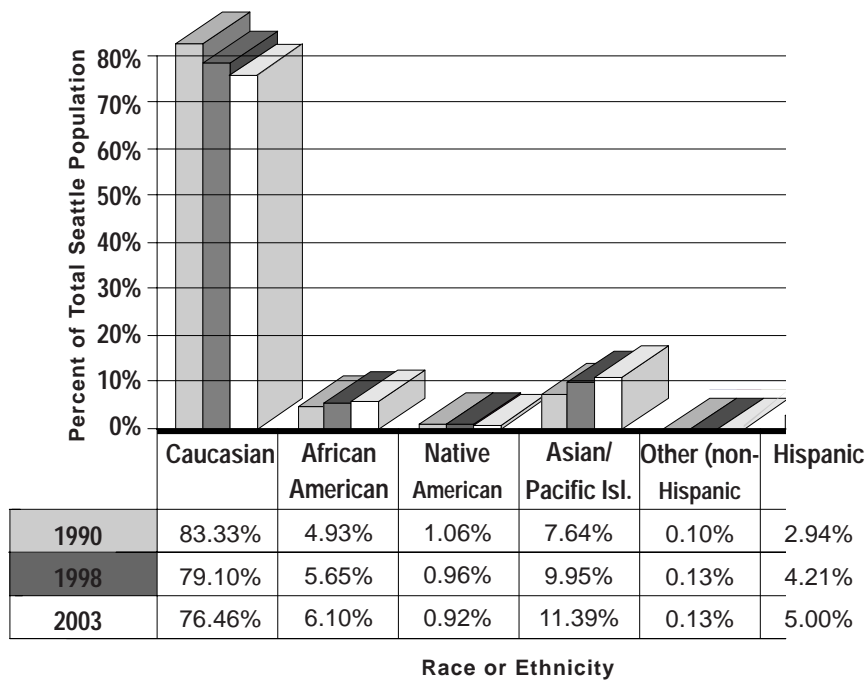
Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing - U.S. Census

### Seattle Racial Ethnic Composition, 1990-2003



Source: Claritas Inc. Trendline Data

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## II. STUDENT POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS - Northshore and Shoreline School Districts

**Public School Districts Reduced and Free Lunch Eligibility 1998-99**

	Seattle	Total King County
Total Students Eligible	19,513	60,749
Percent of School District Students Eligible	41%	24.3%

Source: Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Average Annual Teen Birth Rates; 15-17 Year Olds**

	Seattle	Total King County
1995 - 97 Births per 1000	21.4	18.1

Source: Birth Certificate Data: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics

**School District Demographics 1998 - 99**

Ethnicity	Seattle	Total King County
Black	22.8%	9.3%
Asian	24.3%	14.0%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	3.0%	1.7%
Hispanic	9.3%	5.7%
White	40.6%	69.3%

Sources: Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Public School District Dropout Rates**

Year	Seattle	Total King County
1993 - 94	15.1%	3.9%
1994 - 95	14.1%	3.8%
1995 - 96	12.5%	3.1%
1996 - 97	12.3%	3.4%
1997 - 98	11.4%	x%
1998 - 99	11.1%	x%

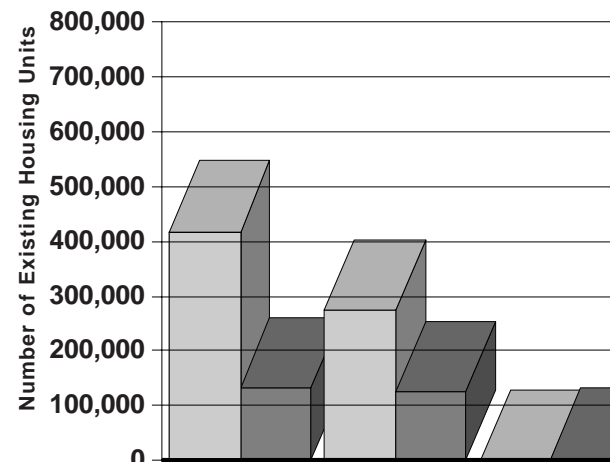
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## III. HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

**Apartment Vacancy Rates and Rent Levels  
for Selected Areas, Spring 1999**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>	<b>Average Rent</b>	<b>One BR Rent</b>	<b>Two BR/ 1 Bath</b>
<b>Ballard</b>	0.3%	\$572	\$552	\$699
<b>Greenlake/Wallingford</b>	2.5%	\$824	\$720	\$904
<b>North Seattle</b>	2.3%	\$714	\$660	\$770
<b>University</b>	3.7%	\$699	\$662	\$841
<b>Capitol Hill/ Eastlake</b>	1.6%	\$742	\$742	\$989
<b>Central</b>	1.9%	\$835	\$807	\$976
<b>Downtown</b>	3.1%	\$1,013	\$1,004	\$1,143
<b>First Hill</b>	3.1%	\$684	\$731	\$943
<b>Madison/ Leschi</b>	7%	\$925	\$844	\$1,154
<b>Magnolia</b>	2.8%	\$794	\$734	\$906
<b>Queen Anne</b>	2.3%	\$858	\$796	\$1,007
<b>Beacon Hill</b>	3.2%	\$650	\$552	\$932
<b>Rainier Valley</b>	2.7%	\$534	\$474	\$570
<b>West Seattle</b>	2.8%	\$745	\$686	\$787
<b>White Center</b>	6.5%	\$620	\$556	\$673
<b>Average</b>	3.1%	\$747	\$701	\$886

Source: Dupre + Scott, *The Apartment Vacancy Report - Fall, 1999*

**Number of Existing Housing Units, 1998**

	Single Family	Multi-Family	Mobile Home	Total
Total King County	417,071	273,141	9,964	710,453
Seattle	130,143	125,138	360	255,453

Sources: 1999 King County Annual Growth Report